

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment to eliminate multiple dependency claims, it is believed that the above-referenced application is ready for substantive examination by the Examiner.

Early and favorable examination thereof is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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